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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David E. Townsend  
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For : COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR DETECTING TARGET  
MICROORGANISMS IN A SAMPLE

Examiner : Ruth A. Davis  
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Docket No. : 150026.464  
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Washington, DC 20231

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on April 25, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2003, applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to a composition, for examination at this time.

In view of the above election, applicant hereby cancels claims ~~17-24~~ without prejudice to the filing of any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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